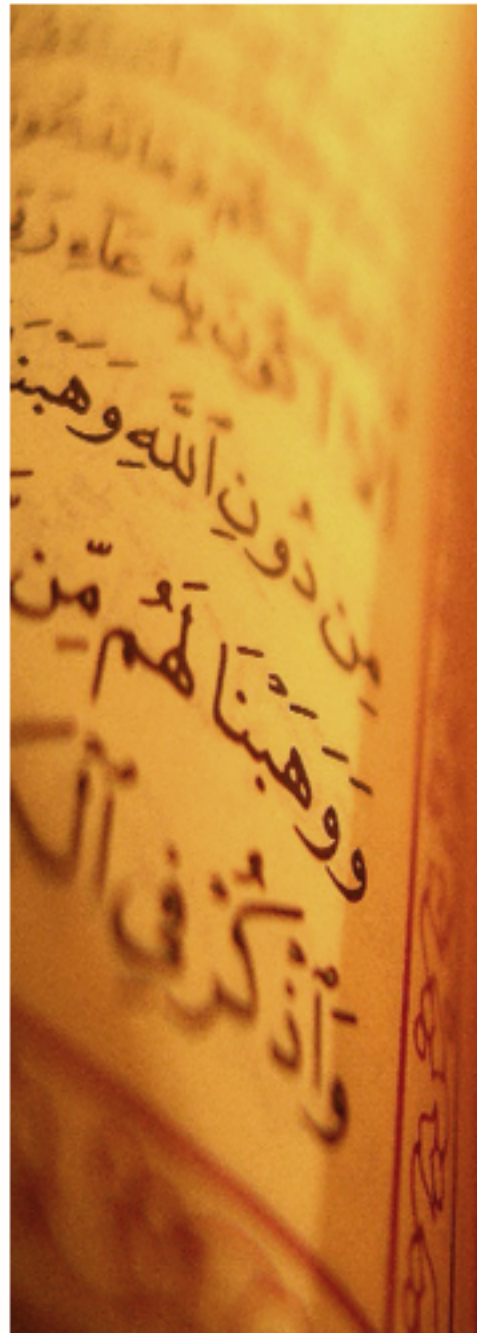


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In the Name of Allaah, Most

Beneficent, Most Merciful. O Allaah all praise is due to You for Your guidance and for the success that You have granted. Thanks unto You for Your help and support, there is no power or movement except with You. Upon you we rely and unto You we will return and to You is the destination. O Allaah bestow peace and prayers upon our Prophet Muhammad (sallallaahu alayhi wassallam) and upon his family and companions.

O noble brothers: As-salaamu alaykum wa rahmatullaah wa barakaatuhu, to proceed: There is something that has become manifest in the lands of the Muslims which has spread like the wind and spread like the rays of the sun and the Islamic lands have not remained except that it has fallen prone to it and no Islamic abode except that it has entered into it. It is a manifestation that does not give glad tidings, rather it is a warning signal of a punishment from Allaah, so what is this manifestation of poison? It is derision of and

mockery of the believers, who say "Our Lord is Allaah" then are steadfast upon what Allaah loves and is pleased with and leave off what Allaah hates and detests. In reality, it is a filthy manifestation that has all kinds of evil descriptions as it goes to the basis of the deen and its principles and criticises it, and it also goes to the pillars of the deen and what it is built upon and destroys them. So what is left in the deen after its adherents and followers are mocked? Nothing. However, as they believe in Allaah and follow (page 2)

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INTRODUCTION

All praise is due to Allaah and may prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of Allaah and upon his family and companions and whoever is with them.

To proceed:

This small treatise is based on a lecture that I gave entitled '*The Ruling on Mocking the Believers*'. I loved for it to be distributed with the hope of the general benefits that are to be gained from it and with Allaah is all success and guidance to the right path. I also desired that this treatise be introduced with the supervision of the noble Shaykh, *al-'Allaamah* Muhammad bin Saalih al-'Uthaymeen. So I wrote a letter to him that included a request to proof-read the treatise and to make some observations about it and to write a little eulogy for it, so our noble Shaykh generously wrote these words of thanks:

“In the Name of Allaah, the Most Beneficent, Most Merciful, as-salaamu alaykum, wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuhu! To proceed: I have come across the aforementioned treatise and I have found it to be beneficial and an easy read for those who study it. I ask Allaah to make it a beneficial work, He is the Most Generous, Most Kind. May Allaah grant success to all who seek His pleasure, as-salaamu alaykum wa rahmatullaahi wa barakaatuhu. By (Shaykh) Muhammad bin Saalih al-'Uthaymeen, dated: 21/10/1410.”

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In reality, it is a filthy manifestation that has all kinds of evil descriptions as it goes to the basis of the *deen* and its principles and criticises it, and it also goes to the pillars of the *deen* and what it is built upon and destroys them. So what is left in the *deen* after its adherents and followers are mocked? Nothing. However, as they believe in Allaah and follow His messenger (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) in all what comes to them:

² Al-Mumtahinah (60): 5

وَمَا نَقَمُوا مِنْهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ
الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ

**“And they resented them not except because they believed in Allaah,
the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy. To whom belongs the
dominion of the heavens and earth. And Allaah, over all things, is
Witness.”**

{*al-Buruj* (85): 8-9}

The investigator of Islamic history knows that this filthy manifestation did not spread to the extent that it has spread in our time and this is due to many reasons such as:

1. The distance of the Muslims from learning the Book of Allaah and the *sunnah* of His Messenger (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*).
2. The revival of the colonialists and imperialists (from the Christians) in attempting to seize the Islamic lands with ease.
3. Exploitation of the media via audio-visual and written means in order to disseminate this manifestation serving the interests of the *yahood* and their henchmen.³
4. The appearance of strange elements amongst the ranks of the Muslims in the name of Islaam and knowledge which work to corrupt the image of Islaam and manifest a negative image of the Muslims.

All of these genuine reasons are clearly apparent which a believer does not cast aside, a reinforcement of that will come with the clear evidences, by the will of Allaah.

³ Their henchment currently being the likes of ‘Jack Chick’, Pipes, Irshad Manji, Craig Winn, Jochen Katz, ‘Dr.’ Robert Morey, Oriana Fallaci et al. [TN]

O noble brothers:

Allaah has certainly informed us in His mighty book that this censured manifestation is a weapon of Shaytaan that encompasses the ways of the *kuffaar* and the hypocrites. This attempts to introduce weaknesses upon the believers and to block the people's path from the path of Allaah, *The Exalted*. The verses of the Qur'aan about this cover two types:

FIRST TYPE:

Allaah informed that the habit of the *kuffaar* throughout every period and in every era is to pour scorn and mock the believers due to the believers *eemaan* and their *tawheed*. This is a general principle that Allaah established in His saying,

زَيْنَ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا وَيَسْخَرُونَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا فَوْقَهُمْ
يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَاللَّهُ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

“Beautified for those who disbelieve is the life of this world, and they ridicule those who believe. But those who fear Allaah are above them on the Day of Resurrection. And Allaah gives provision to whom He wills without account.”

{*al-Baqarah* (2): 212}

And Allaah said,

يَا حَسْرَةً عَلَى الْعِبَادِ مَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِّن رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِؤْنَ

“How regretful for the servants. There did not come to them any messenger except that they used to ridicule him.”

{*Ya Seen* (36): 30}

Allaah also said,

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“Indeed, those who committed crimes used to laugh at those who believed. And when they passed by them, they would exchange derisive glances. And when they returned to their people, they would return jesting. And when they saw them, they would say “Indeed, those are truly lost.” But they had not been sent as guardians over them.”

{*al-Mutaffifeen* (83): 29-33}

Allaah said,

○>وَكَمْ أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ نَبِيِّ فِي الْأَوَّلِينَ
وَمَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِنْ نَبِيٍّ إِلَّا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِؤْنَ<

“And how many a prophet We sent among the former peoples, but there would not come to them a prophet except that they used to ridicule him.”

{*az-Zukhruf* (43): 6-7}

Allaah said,

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ فِي شِيَعِ الْأَوَّلِينَ
وَمَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِؤْنَ

“And We had certainly sent (messengers) before you, (O Muhammad), among the sects of the former peoples. And no messenger would come to them except that they ridiculed him.”

{*al-Hijr* (15): 10-11}

So in these verses and within other verses, Allaah made it clear that mockery of the believers is from the characteristics of the disbelievers in order to resist the *da'wah* of the Messengers and their followers and in order to block people from being obedient and accepting the *deen* of Allaah.⁴

⁴ This is exemplified in the current *fitna* which was initiated by the *Jyllands Posten* newspaper in the nation of pork-munchers, Denmark. The vile images were approved by their ‘cultural editor’ Flemming Rose, a Ukrainain Jew who was born in the Ukraine on 14/3/1956 C.E. Rose approved these disgusting images even though three years ago the very same newspaper rejected producing similar images of Jesus.

Imaam ‘Alee al-Hudhayfee, the Imaam of *Masjid un-Nabawee* in Madeenah al-Munawwara urged Muslim governments to recall their ambassadors and freeze trade with Denmark and Norway **“who permit such nonsense, calling it democracy”**. **“Ridiculing the prophet is an appalling crime which should not pass without response, because that would allow others in the future to commit the same indecent act...They call (that) freedom of expression and democracy. They are liars and hypocrites!”** he added. The grand *muftee* of Saudi Arabia, Shaykh ‘Abdul’Azeez Aal ush-Shaykh, demanded that the Danish government punish the newspaper, which **“should in turn apologise for the indecent act.”** Imaam ‘AbdurRahmaan as-Sudays, Imaam of *Masjid ul-Haraam* (Makkah) said (corresponding to Friday 10th Feb. 2006), **“We make a call from the podium of the HGrand MosqueH and the birthplace of Islam, on behalf of Muslims all over the world, that tough punishment should be imposed on those who make a mockery of the Prophet.”** He also noted, **“The repulsive cartoons depicting the Prophet have violated the sanctity of 1.5 billion Muslims around the world and their feelings.... This has exposed those who are actually promoting**

extremism, violence and hatred between peoples.” Shaykh Rabee’ ibn Haadee al-Madkhalee superbly noted in his critical response to the attempts to defame the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*), translated by Moosaa Richardson: **“Let it be known that never did Muhammad (may Allah raise his rank and grant him peace), nor his righteous successors or any of his honorable companions, ever establish factories for even the most primitive of weapons, like swords and spears, let alone atomic bombs, long-range missiles, or any other weapon of mass destruction. Never did Muhammad (may Allah raise his rank and grant him peace) build a single weapon factory. Rather, he was sent as a mercy for the entire creation, to guide all Mankind towards happiness in their worldly lives and in their hereafter, such that they fulfill their Creator’s right upon them, for it is He who created them to worship Him alone. Whoever rejects this is truly a criminal deserving punishment in this life and the next, by the Lord of all that exists, the Creator of this universe and its Master...**

As for bombs and all other weapons of destruction, war planes, tanks, and long-range missiles, you are the ones who engineered and manufactured them with your satanic minds that only think about transgression, animosity, oppression, attacking, tyranny, conquering entire races of people and enslaving them, spilling their blood, and usurping their natural resources. You think only about annihilating those who oppose you and stand in the way of your greedy aspirations, your oppression and spreading of hatred. All this wrapped up in the name of civilization, human rights, freedom, and justice!

All intelligent people know this about you. For your dark history is overflowing with uncivil and terrorist acts, a history recorded against you by both your enemies and allies alike.

Anyone who does not know this should read about your history and your occupation of numerous nations, or at least read the history and some horrible results of your two World Wars. For example, the number of fatalities in the First World War in Europe reached "More than 10 million, and they were the elite of their nations' youth. And more than twice this number had incurred serious injuries disabling them for the rest of their lives." [Refer to: At-Taareekh al-Mu'aasir: Uruubaa minath-Thawratil-Fransiyyah ilal-Harbil-'Aalamiyyaith-Thaaniyah, p.505. (Lit: Recent History, Europe from the French Revolution to the Second World War)]

The number of soldiers killed in the Second World War reached: "17 million, along with another 18 million civilian fatalities - all of them killed within a period of only five and a half years. Experts have estimated that the military expenses alone reached \$1.1 trillion, and that losses caused by the war reached the value of \$2.1 trillion. Added to this are the number of entire cities destroyed, the amount of earth scorched, the agriculture that was flooded, and the factories and plantations that stopped production, not to mention the number of livestock that were destroyed or lost." [(Al-Harb al-'Aalamiyyah ath-Thaaniyah by Ramadhaan Land, p.448-449) (Lit: The Second World War)]”

This *fitna* demonstrated the sinister machinations of the *kuffaar* in their war on Islaam by pouring scorn and mockery upon Islaam by deriding the Prophet Muhammad (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) in the name of ‘satire’ and ‘freedom of expression’ as an excuse for allowing such deplorable concepts of the Prophet (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*). Some *kuffaar* had the audacity to claim that **“Muslims are being hypocritical, as they too mock others”** yet no Muslim will ever mock the Prophets of Allaah, including Moosaa (Moses) and Eesaa (Jesus) (*alayhima-salaam*). The condition of the nation of bacon-eaters can be seen in their current repressions of Muslims within their land, with their Queen on record as stating about the ‘challenge of Islam’: **“We have let this issue float around for too long, because we are tolerant and rather lazy.”** The newspaper also consulted a Danish theologian (Tim Jensen) who advised them against publication of such inflammatory and provocative images, to which the newspaper rejected. As early as October 2005, ten Muslim countries complained to the Danish PM and he did nothing. There was no ‘apology’ until February 2006 after the issue had been exposed and after Danish businesses, once primary sellers in the Middle East, were losing money by the day, with the Danish *Arla Foods* company losing an estimated \$1.8 million per day in Saudi Arabia alone, according to their own estimates. This ‘apology’ was but a half-apology, as he tried to free himself from involvement or influence in the issue. **“The boycott has led to lost sales of 100 million dirhams (\$27.2m),”** said Thomas Bay, Denmark's consul in Dubai. A leading Danish exporter to Arab countries announced its first job cuts in reaction to a boycott of the Scandinavian country's goods *Arla Foods*, Europe's second-largest dairy company, said it would lay off 125 staff in its northern Danish factories, adding that a further 40 people would see their working hours reduced. **“We will lay off, from tomorrow, 125 people working in dairy factories in Bislev, near Aalborg”** in northern Denmark, spokeswoman Astrid Nilsen for *Arla Food* said. *Arla Foods*, a co-operative owned by some 11,600 milk producers in Denmark and Sweden, is Europe's second-largest dairy company. It is also Denmark's biggest exporter to Arab countries, accounting for one-third of total Danish exports there. Gulf countries, especially Saudi Arabia, have followed boycott calls, and the populous northern African countries have also heeded the call to shun Danish goods. Outside Europe, the Middle East is *Arla Foods* main export destination, with Saudi Arabia as the largest single market. Ibrahim Al Bahr, Operations Manager of *Union Cooperatives*, told *Khaleej Times* (30 January 2006) that the decision was taken following the publication of the blasphemous drawings in a Danish newspaper recently. He explained that the initiative to boycott the Danish products was taken by the *Union Cooperatives and Sharjah Cooperatives Union* after communicating last Thursday with the Consumer Cooperatives Union and other cooperative societies in the country following pressure from the consumers to boycott Danish products. Al Bahr disclosed that the cooperatives have withdrawn a total of 37 Danish products including major brands such as *Lurpak*, *Al Areesh Chicken Nuggets*, *Buke Cheese*, *Three Cows Cheese*, *Artic Gold Chicken* and others. The societies have instead offered alternative choices of dairy products from other countries and from the Gulf countries at cheaper prices, he said, adding: “We appreciate the

combined move made by all society members who are giving their fullest support to the boycott call made by Muslim religious scholars across the globe.”

Many Christians were disgusted by the publication of the images of the Prophet Muhammad (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*) and deplored the despicable cartoons, indeed, as Allaah says,

وَلَتَجِدَنَّ أَقْرَبَهُمْ مَوَدَّةً لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّا نَصَارَىٰ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قِسِيّٰسِينَ
وَرُحَبَاءُنَا وَأَنَّهُمْ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ

“...and you will find the nearest of them in affection to the believers those who say, “We are Christians.” That is because among them are priests and monks and because they are not arrogant.”

{*al-Maa'idah* 95): 82}

The Vatican cardinal Achille Silvestrini condemned the cartoons, saying “**Western culture has to know its limits.**” Meanwhile, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, ‘lord’ Carey, denounced the cartoons as a “**quite deliberate racist attack**” on the Muslim community, “**The Danish [publication of the images] was a deliberate racist attack and, with the religious overtones of the prophet Muhammad, was bound to cause offence - and apparently they knew it - so there is a boundary that was crossed there,**” he told the BBC's *Today* programme. “**It does appear that some people in the west simply don't understand the religious mind and the way in which, for many Muslims, religion is not simply like an overcoat you put on - it is part of their identity...From a Muslim point of view, this reaction is understandable. It is regrettable that we in the west don't understand the dangers when we take free speech too far.**”

French daily *Liberation* and the French paper *France Soir* (whose editor was sacked after the *fitna*) and Belgian paper *De Standaard* published them, along with the Irish *Daily Star*, claiming the empty slogans of “freedom of speech” and “freedom of expression.” Some *kuffaar* made the simplistic and erroneous claims that “**as freedom of speech and expression is the cornerstone of European culture, these should not be forfeited to anyone**” with “**in Europe, people are free to speak and write whatever they want**” and that “**Muslims are opposing our European freedoms to express ourselves**” or that “**Muslims need to be educated about European freedoms of speech**” etc. etc. The reality however, is that the whole controversy and *fitna*, which was actually started in this case by a *kuffaar* newspaper in the nation of bacon-lovers, was driven by a hardcore anti-Muslim and anti-Islam sentiment which has been festering within Denmark. The clear *Islamophobic* undertones of the publications indicate this, which stereotyped Muslims and Islaam itself in a manner that would be unacceptable if done to any other peoples. It was an instigation of hatred against the Muslims and mocked them as being inferior to ‘enlightened Europe’.

What was also pathetic was how other so-called 'respectable' European newspapers blindly followed their *kuffaar* brethren in publishing such filth in order to align themselves with the attack on Islaam which is rampant in France, Italy, Spain, Belgium and Holland at present, the very same *kuffaar* countries that have histories of fascism and oppression. The reasons why the *kuffaar* in Europe are becoming outraged by Islaam is due to its rapid growth and spread, with people entering into it in numbers which further inflames the *kuffaar* in their shaytaanish plots to incite such crass attacks upon Islaam. This is why much in the way of anti-Islamic sentiment, which had been building and festering within the *kuffaar* of Europe came to the fore during and in the aftermath of, the *fitna*. Furthermore, the empty slogan **"freedom of speech and expression"** was waved around, as if that meant that anything can be written without evidence or responsibility?!

Tony Parsons said in the London *Daily Mirror* (6 February 2006): **"The trouble with the West is that we have forgotten that some things are sacred. We find it so difficult to comprehend the reaction of the Muslim world to that ham-fisted Danish cartoon depicting the Prophet Mohammed as a terrorist because our churches stand empty, our faith is weak... The idea that this is still a Christian country is laughable. We may haul in the local vicar for weddings and funerals, but that's about it. We worship our idols -celebrity and money, the sex lives of the rich and famous... The Muslim community say that those puerile Danish cartoons should not have been printed, and they are right. It would not have been censorship or the curtailment of free speech to not print (and reprint) the offending cartoon. It would have been basic human decency. It would have been cultural restraint at a time when tension between the West and the Muslim world is higher than it has been for centuries. I have read a number of commentators say that they would "defend to the death" the right of some crappy little Danish paper to print their nasty little cartoons. But if I am going to die for a cause, then it is going to be a better one than the right of some Scandy cartoonist to print offensive rubbish...Printing that cartoon was supremely stupid. Muslims have a right to live their lives without seeing their religion vilified in a way that is designed to cause hurt, anger and offence.... Muslims deserve the respect accorded to all our people. They take their religion infinitely more seriously than we do, and we should understand that. And if they want to burn down a few empty Scandinavian embassies in Syria because of crass depictions of the Prophet Mohammed, then personally I couldn't care less."**

The controversy escalated in Europe, after the blind followers of Omar Bakri Muhammad (who has been banned from the UK) who call themselves '*al-Muhajirun*' and '*al-Ghuraba*' and the '*Saviour Sect*' organised a pathetic demonstration outside *London Central Mosque* (aka '*Regents Park Mosque*') wherein known members of this *khawaarij* mouthpiece were wielding placards exclaiming "7/7 is on its way" and "I Love al-Qaida" and "Behead Those Who Insult Islam" (!!) These clear *khawaarij* who sadly live in London and have done for years, foolishly think that they are in some way aiding the *deen* of Allaah, when the reality is that they have done more to make the people further hate Islaam and the Muslims. The leader in the UK is the *jaahil* Anjem Choudhary who is also invited by many TV news programmes to air his *khawaarij manhaj*. Moreover, one of these fools even went to a demonstration

SECOND TYPE:

Allaah informed that the first act performed by all people to whom a messenger or a prophet was sent, was to confront him and those with him with mockery and sarcasm. Allaah said,

فَقَالَ الْمَلَأُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ مَا نَرَاكَ إِلَّا بَشَرًا مِثْلَنَا وَمَا نَرَاكَ اتَّبَعَكَ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ هُمْ أَرَادُوا بِادِّئَالِ الرَّأْيِ وَمَا نَرَى لَكُمْ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ فَضْلٍ بَلْ نَظُنُّكُمْ كَاذِبِينَ

“So the eminent among those who disbelieved from his people said,
“We do not see you but as a man like ourselves, and we do not see you followed except by those who are the lowest of us (and) at first suggestion.⁵ And we do not see in you over us any merit; rather, we think you are liars.”

{Hood (11): 27}

Allaah said,

قَالُوا أَنْتُمْ لَكُمْ وَاتَّبَعَكَ الْأَرْذَلُونَ

“They said, “Should we believe you while you are followed by the lowest (class of people)?”

{Shu'araa (26): 111}

Allaah said,

dressed as a suicide bomber!! For an assessment by Muslim scholars on the evil within demonstrations and there like see: H<http://www.fatwa-online.com/audio/other/oth014/0020514.htm>H and H<http://www.al-manhaj.com/Page1.cfm?ArticleID=147>H [Translator's Note]

⁵ i.e., without any thought or hesitation.

﴿قَالَ الْمَلَأُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ إِنَّا لَنَرَاكَ فِي سَفَاهَةٍ وَإِنَّا لَنَظُنُّكَ مِنَ الْكَاذِبِينَ﴾

“Said the eminent ones who disbelieved among his people, “Indeed, we see you in foolishness, and indeed, we think you are of the liars.”

{*al-A'raaf* (7): 66}

Allaah said with regards to the story of Moosaa (*alayhi salaam*) with the Pharaoh:

﴿فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِآيَاتِنَا إِذَا هُمْ مِنْهَا يَضْحَكُونَ﴾

“But when he brought them Our signs, at once they laughed at them.”

{*az-Zukhruf* (43): 47}

Up to where Allaah says,

﴿وَنَادَىٰ فِرْعَوْنُ فِي قَوْمِهِ قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ أَلَيْسَ لِي مُلْكُ مِصْرَ وَهَذِهِ الْأَنْهَارُ تَجْرِي مِن تَحْتِي أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ﴾

﴿أَمْ أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِّنْ هَٰذَا الَّذِي هُوَ مَهِينٌ وَلَا يَكَادُ يُبِينُ﴾

﴿فَلَوْلَا أُلْقِيَ عَلَيْهِ أَسُورَةٌ مِّنْ ذَهَبٍ أَوْ جَاءَ مَعَهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ مُقْتَرِنِينَ﴾

“And Pharaoh called out among his people; he said, “O my people, does not the kingdom of Egypt belong to me, and these rivers flowing beneath me; then do you not see? Or am I (not) better than this one (i.e. Moosaa) who is insignificant and hardly makes himself clear?⁶ Then why have there not been placed upon him bracelets of gold or come with him the angels in conjunction?”

⁶ That was true previous to his appointment as a prophet, at which time Allaah corrected his speech impediment.

{*az-Zukhruf* (43): 51-53}

Allaah said about our Prophet Muhammad (*sallallaahu alayhi wassallam*):

وَإِذَا رَأَى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِنْ يَتَّخِذُونَكَ إِلَّا هُزُوًا أَهَذَا الَّذِي يَذْكُرُ آلِهَتَكُمْ
وَهُمْ يَذْكُرُ الرَّحْمَنَ هُمْ كَافِرُونَ<

“And when those who disbelieve see you, (O Muhammad), they take you not except in ridicule...”

{*al-Anbiya* (21): 36}

Allaah said,

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ آمِنُوا كَمَا آمَنَ النَّاسُ قَالُوا أَنْتُمُنَا كَمَا آمَنَ السُّفَهَاءُ أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ
هُمُ السُّفَهَاءُ وَلَكِنْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ○

وَإِذَا لَقُوا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قَالُوا آمَنَّا وَإِذَا خَلَوْا إِلَى شَيَاطِينِهِمْ قَالُوا إِنَّا مَعَكُمْ إِنَّمَا
نَحْنُ مُسْتَهْزَؤُونَ○

اللَّهُ يَسْتَهْزِئُ بِهِمْ وَيَمُدُّهُمْ فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ<

“And when it is said to them, “Believe as the people have believed,” they say, “Should we believe as the foolish have believed?”

unquestionably, it is they who are the foolish, but they know (it) not.

And when they meet those who believe, they say, “We believe”; but

when they are alone with their evil ones, they say, “Indeed, we are with you; we were only mockers.” (But) when Allaah mocks them and prolongs them in their transgression (while) they wander blindly.”

{*al-Baqarah* (2): 13-15}

Within these situations that Allaah mentioned in His book are evidences that mockery, derision and satirising the believers is from the heritage of the

kuffaar.⁷ This is as they are not able to find a more effective weapon against the party of Allaah and ruling according to His Divine Legislation.

⁷ Notions of ‘freedom of expression’ in Europe are based on the ideas of the likes of Francois-Marie Arouet, known by the fake pen name of ‘Voltaire’ (1694 – 1778 CE) and David Hume of Scotland (1711 – 1776 CE). Both are seen as being the main contributors to the European ‘enlightenment’ age and both were characterised by a disregard of authority and in the context of Hume and Voltaire, the main authorities at their time was the established church, which thus led them to oppose it quite vigorously. ‘Voltaire’ was born in Paris and was the main architect of European satirical writings, particularly against the Church, he was a playwright, poet, novelist, historian and had also authored scientific works. ‘Voltaire’ was exiled to England for three years and then returned to Paris where his writings on the *‘Philosophical Letters on the English’* were burned as it was a work which praised the ‘freedoms’ of the English at the time, ‘Voltaire’ was thus forced to leave Paris. ‘Voltaire’ later renounced religion and articulated in the separation of the church and state and religious freedoms. Voltaire moved to Berlin where he was close to Frederick, the ruler of the time, yet ‘Voltaire’ authored a book against one of Frederick’s allies and thus ‘Voltaire’ had to leave Berlin, yet when he arrived into France he was banned by the King of France to enter. ‘Voltaire’ thus went to Geneva, to return to France in 1778 CE. ‘Voltaire’ himself issue some very strange statements which clearly indicate the Eurocentric aspect of European notions of ‘freedom of speech’, he said once **“Blacks are inferior to Europeans, but superior to apes,”** and as a result ‘Voltaire’ believed that the ‘gap’ between white and black could not be bridged?! Hume noted **“The black might develop certain attributes of human beings, the way the parrot manages to speak a few words.”** Hume also stated: **“I am apt to suspect the Negroes, and in general all the other species of men (for there are four or five different kinds) to be naturally inferior to the whites. There never was a civilised nation of any other complexion than white, nor even any individual eminent in action or speculation. No ingenious manufactures amongst them, no arts, no sciences...Such a uniform and constant difference could not happen, in so many countries and ages, if nature had not made an original distinction betwixt these breeds of men.”** (From David Hume’s *‘Of National Characters’* (1742/1754). Cited in P.D. Curtin, *The Image of Africa: British Ideas and Actions, 1780-1850* (Madison, WI: 1964), p.42)

This is racist reality of the so-called ‘enlightened’ European philosophers whose ideas did not extend to include those who were not European, hence Europe’s current mockery of Islaam with no regard whatsoever. Indeed, ‘Voltaire’ also displayed clearly anti-Semitic undertones in much of his work, so ironically the very notions of ‘freedom of expression and speech’ which the European newspaper editors of Jewish origin are attempting to use now as a proof, was the same argument that the anti-Semites also tried to use!

O beloved for the sake of Allaah:

The extension of this sinister heritage which the *kuffaar* have established in our era in order to corrupt the image of Islaam is that they exhaust their efforts in ways to present Islaam with a negative image of barbarism and like a low man on the evolutionary and civilised scale.

This clear manifestation comes due to some of the missionaries and their imperialism and colonialism which paints a negative view of the Muslims

If the *kuffaar* in Europe really claim to uphold ‘*freedom of expression*’ and ‘*freedom of speech*’ then by extension it would mean that they would have to defend the ‘rights’ of the likes of Goebbels!? The Nazi communications and propaganda minister who published inflammatory images of Jews.

Now however, the very ‘Europeans’ who wave the slogan “*freedom of speech*” in the faces of the Muslims are the very same ‘Europeans’ who will throw “*freedom of speech and expression*” out of the window when anything is said about the Jews!? Indeed, the nation of former Nazi followers even has the nerve to utilise “*freedom of speech and expression*” in its current assault on Islaam. The German newspaper, *Die Welt* stated that they have a “right to blasphemy” yet this is nonsense as Germany expressly forbids and criminalises blasphemy against the Jews?! If a Muslim even has the nerve to say anything about the Jewish holocaust for example or about Jewish oppression in Palestine, that Muslim is bullied by ‘Europe’ into taking his statements back and is not considered to be exercising “*freedom of speech*”?! This is how hypocritical and selective the *kuffaar* are, who would never even consider printing anything regarding the Jews or about the historicity of the holocaust, yet when it comes to the Muslims and Islaam the same is not employed.

وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ

“And never will the Jews and the Christians approve of you until you follow their religion.”

{*al-Baqarah* (2): 120}

In some of these European countries, if a person argues, and is a professor or historian that can back his argument with proofs and evidences, that less than six million Jews were killed in the Nazi holocaust, they can be prosecuted?! So much for European “freedom of thought and expression”! Muslims have to realise is that the *kuffaar* in Europe have a history of turning the tables on its ‘minority communities’ and this is what Muslims have to be wary of. [TN]

and judges their *deen* and '*aqeedah* via their corrupted thinking and the degenerance of their natural disposition, they use this method when their other confrontational steps fail and have been defeated and shamed.

Shaykh al-'*Allaamah* 'AbdurRahmaan Dawsaree (*raheemabullaah*) said when he was asked about slandering the *deen* with the saying "Religion is a cause of partisanship and division": "This idea was focused upon during the colonial period in their study of heritage and culture. It is an extension of the war by the missionaries which also includes the Zionists plans which have been documented in the '*Protocols*' of the Zionists that have been discovered..."⁸

It is mentioned in the '*Protocols*' (no.17) of the Zionists⁹:

"We have great concern in degrading the honour of men of religion from those who were truthful (other than the yahood) in the eyes of the people, we see that there are harms in their messages that would obstruct our way."¹⁰

⁸ *Al-Ajwiba Mufeedah li-Muhamaati'l-'Aqeedah* (Second edition, p.81).

⁹ The authenticity of this document, which outlines a plan for Jewish global dominance, is not verified. Many argue that it was formulated by a Russian spy (Matvei Golovinski) for the Tsar Nicholas the 2nd during the Jewish pogroms in the late 19th century CE as a propaganda tract against the Jews in Russia. Others argue that they were composed by a German anti-Semite by the name of Herman Goedsche for the Prussian secret police. Goedsche utilised the works of Joly's *Dialogues* and Goedsche's works (such as those concerning the "*council of representatives*") were published in Russia in the late 19th century CE. Hermann Bernstein of the US published a whole book in the 1920s CE claiming that the protocols were a hoax. The protocols emerged however around 1905 CE after the *World Zionist Congress* in 1897 CE in Basel, Switzerland and for this reason many consider them to have been formulated by Zionists. The protocols are written like an instruction manual and outline how to dominate the world. Even though the authenticity of the protocols is questionable, there are many items within it that coincide with many world developments that actually took place, particularly within the years after the publication of the document. So Allaah knows best. [TN]

¹⁰ The danger of the *yahood* is in the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, translated into Arabic by Muhammad Khaleefah at-Toonisee (p.187). If this speech here is in relation to the Christians then it can also be directed to include the Muslims also, as it is a general statement about Muslim scholars and Christian scholars, so beware!

Professor ‘AbdurRahmaan al-Maydaanee said that there are a number of aims that the colonialists, missionaries and Orientalists have in opposing Islaam:

“third aim: to distort the image of Islaam in the hearts and souls of the Muslims via many oppressive plans such as the following:

(5) Opposing some of the regulations of Islaam and its pillars and Divine Legislation via mockery, derision and satirising those who adhere to Islaam. This can be done by accusing Muslims of being backward, uncivilised, biased partisans and being static. These and other methods attempt to weaken the zeal of those who adhere to the *deen*.

(6) Pouring scorn and having contempt for the scholars of Islaam and despising them by viewing them as reasons for narrowing the ways to profit and sustenance so that the Muslims will be deterred from benefiting from them (the scholars). They also introduce the ignorance of deviants to prominent centres to give a distorted image of applying Islaam and these are a means to distort Islaam.”¹¹

Professor Husni ‘Uthmaan said in describing the plan that the colonialists put forth to split the Muslim scholars of the Islamic *ummah* and the general populous: “They finished their reprehensible plan which is built upon severing the link between the general Muslims and the scholars of the *ummah*. They practically severed the link between the Qur’aan and the *ummah* of the Qur’aan and began a crazy hidden attack utilising all sorts of propaganda and rumours and psychological and sociological means in order to distort the reputation of the Muslim scholars of the *ummah*, to the extent that the *ummah* now hate and reject the scholars. The efforts of the missionaries, the *yahood* and those like them extended to them finishing off

¹¹ *Ajnaha al-Mukarrar ath-Thalaatha* (pp.191-192).

The reputation of the scholars of the Qur'aan in the hearts of the *ummah* of the Qur'aan.'''¹²

¹² *Al-Mashaayikh wa'l-Isti'maar* (Second edition, p.7). The author presented the situation in his book well and he also discussed what was behind the intent of the colonialists by corrupting the image of the scholars in the eyes of the general Muslims, to the extent that the Muslims do not have a leader for their affairs of the *deen*. With this the dogs of the West have enticed them from where they wanted.